

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE VARIOUS
BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON,
INCLUDING REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE
Municipal Year Ending March 3, 1902.
[235TH ANNUAL REPORT.]

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon, for the municipal year ending March 3, 1902, respectfully submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following items, viz :—

To cash received of the Treasurer for the year ending March 4, 1901.....	\$1,211 59
To cash borrowed on two town notes.....	2,000 00
" received for use of telephone.....	52 04
" " of E. C. Kinsley, janitor.....	99 50
" " of State Treasurer, Corporation tax, balance.....	83 92
To cash received of State Treasurer, Inspecting animals.....	15 75
To cash received of State Treasurer, State road appropriation.....	660 00
To cash received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax.....	35 82
To cash received of State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	395 18
To cash received of State Treasurer, State aid, Chap. 374, Acts of 1899.....	468 00
To cash received of State Treasurer, burial of soldier.....	35 00
To cash received of State Treasurer, Income school fund.....	738 08
To cash received of County Treasurer, Dog fund.....	185 52
To cash received S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
To cash received of J. A. George, 2 copies Annals.....	5 50
To cash received of H. C. Adams, 5 copies Proprietors' Records.....	15 00
To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, 335 ft. plank.....	6 70
To cash received of Frank Taft 1-2 cost of blasting rocks.....	37 50

To cash received of Frank Taft for wall at pond.....	\$25 00	
To cash received of Albert E. Southwick, butcher's license	1 00	
To cash received of State Treasurer, Street Railway tax	87 66	
To cash received of Town of Hopedale.....	52 28	
" " " L. Freeman, Overseer of Poor.....	75 00	
To cash received of H. W. Gaskill, school house sold.....	76 00	
To cash received of D. H. Barnes, use of hay scales.....	11 65	
To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, Collector of Taxes 1898.....	31 86	
To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, Collector of Taxes 1899.....	128 96	
To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, Collector of Taxes 1900.....	478 95	
To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, Collector of Taxes 1901.....	6,978 44	
	<hr/>	\$13,994 00
The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz:—		
By paying 106 town orders.....	\$9,004 13	
" " 2 town notes.....	2,000 00	
" " Interest on two notes.....	83 66	
" " Austin A. Taft, 1 note	500 00	
" " " " " Interest on 3 notes	70 00	
" " County tax.....	596 00	
" " State tax.....	332 50	
" " School Committee.....	923 60	
" Cash on hand to bal.....	484 11	
	<hr/>	\$13,994 00
By cash on hand as Treas. of School Com.	\$599 39	
GEO. M. TAFT, Treasurer.		

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

DR.

To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, treasurer, for 1899 and 1900, deposited in Milford Savings Bank.....	\$1,025 11
To cash received deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	421 82

To cash received, interest of Milford Savings Bank, to Oct. 12, 1901.....	\$35 75	
To cash received, interest of Worcester County Institution for Savings to Jan. 1, 1902.....	16 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,499 53

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By cash paid 7 orders.....	\$38 00	
“ “ deposited in Milford Savings Bank	1,022 86	
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	438 67	
	<hr/>	\$1,499 53

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. M. TAFT, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 3, 1902.

INCIDENTALS.

H. C. Adams, insurance on tramp house.....	\$2 25
H. C. Adams, insurance on other town property	4 70
L. Freeman, map of Mass., R. I. and Conn.	1 90
P. B. Murphy, assessors' books	2 35
H. M. Dolbeare, assessors' books	2 06
A. W. Gaskill, inspecting animals.....	31 50
E. Davenport, services in criminal case.....	1 00
E. A. Jones, M. D., reporting seven births.....	1 75
Amos Austin, painting town officers' rooms and building	15 00
Geo. M. Taft, cash paid for painting town officers' rooms and building.....	21 32
F. M. Aldrich, 2 copper extinguishers.....	30 00
E. A. Snow, work at old cemetery, lumber and repairs at tramp house.....	11 56
Abbott A. Jenkins, services in criminal case	23 40
Chas. H. Allen, repairs at town hall	1 50
E. A. Snow, grading and concreting at East school house building.....	43 55
Clark Ellis & Sons, stock and material for town officers' rooms.....	14 84
A. C. Eldredge, painting town hall building and fence	128 00
E. E. Cook, damages to team.....	5 00
Cenedella Bros., for blasting rock near pond	75 00
D. H. Barnes, services July 3 and 4.....	2 00
Frank Taft, 1-2 bridge work near A.C. Cook's house	45 19
Norris & Staples, work at watering trough	75
Sherborne Bros. Ex., labor of repairing ballot box and express	20 90
E. A. Snow, to labor on lockup.....	55
Frank Taft, work near M., A. & W. street railway..	146 84
A. C. Eldredge, painting tramp house	15 00

C. B. Williams, work on road at Mendon pond.....	\$16 00
George Farrar, " " " " " " " ".....	4 72
John C. Wood, " " " " " " " ".....	1 05
R. C. Fish, reporting 7 births.....	1 75
Leland & Son, building 225 feet of double-faced wall at Nipmuck pond, at \$1 per foot.....	225 00
L. Freeman, carbolic acid and vaseline.....	1 20
Wm. Daley, expenses in smallpox cases.....	39 00
Wm. Daley, watching fire at E. H. Taft's.....	3 00
E. C. Barry, work and services of J. B. Driscoll at fire.....	3 65
Wm. L. Munsell, watching fire at E. H. Taft's.....	3 00
L. E. Taft, fumigating in case of scarlet fever.....	3 50
H. C. Adams, insurance policy, tramp house.....	2 25
H. M. Curtis, coal for fire department.....	7 00
Emery & Wood, returning 13 deaths.....	3 25
Geo. M. Taft, use of room and care of fire for en- gine.....	16 00
D. H. Barnes, use of telephone to Mar. 1, 1902.....	55 00
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	\$1,033 28

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Cash paid out on 7 orders.....	\$38 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Chas. H. Allen, auditor for 1900.....	\$6 00
E. A. Snow, lockup keeper.....	5 00
C. A. Fletcher, assessor for 1901.....	45 00
Chas. H. Allen, assessor, copying and express.....	56 00
Chas. H. Allen, services at state election.....	3 00
W. S. Wilcox, assessor and preparing duplicate val- uation.....	48 75
C. A. Fletcher, ballot clerk at state election.....	2 00
Arthur V. Pond, ballot clerk at state election.....	2 00
Chas. I. Barnes, constable.....	
Geo. M. Taft, Collector of Taxes, 1898.....	65 00
Edward C. Kinsley, services as selectman, registrar and health officer.....	35 00
Geo. M. Taft, services as selectman, registrar and use of team.....	40 00
Edward C. Kinsley, watching fire, night of July 3d and 4th, and work at monument.....	5 70

F. M. Aldrich, fire warden, labor and cash paid out	\$14 26
Geo. M. Taft, treasurer for year ending March 3.....	50 00
Liberty Freeman, services as selectman, registrar and cash paid out, expenses to Boston on road mat- ters	57 25
E. L. Smith, sealing hay scales and services as fire warden	4 25
H. C. Adams, returning deaths, marriages and births, services as registrar and cash paid.....	46 19
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	\$485 40

PRINTING.

Cook & Sons.....	60 00
Tax bills.....	3 50
Vaccination notices	2 80
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	\$66 30

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Three orders.....	165 00
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CARE AND SUPPLIES OF TOWN HALL.

Edward C. Kinsley, care of hall to April 1, 1901, and cash paid out.....	98 24
P. S. Coffin, wood.....	2 50
H. M. Curtiss, coal for town hall.....	34 65
Lutheria M. Alger, cleaning town hall	4 57
H. M. Curtiss, coal for town hall.....	7 00
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	\$146 96

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BOOKS AND
INCIDENTALS.

Paid School Committee.....	\$2,975 00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor.....	\$965 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CHAP. 447, ACTS OF 1890.

Malinda W. Cummings [to Uxbridge].....	\$8 00
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STATE AID TO PENSIONERS UNDER CHAPTER 374,
ACTS OF 1899.

Joanna Curley.....	\$48 00
Malinda W. Cummings.....	48 00
Rufus Hazard.....	48 00
George W. Scisco.....	48 00
Waterman Taft.....	48 00
Annette L. Weatherhead	48 00
Stephen H. Scisco.....	24 00
Eliza A. Munsell.....	48 00
Sarah Gifford.....	48 00
John S. McDonald.....	32 00
Sylvester Moores.....	40 00
Nathaniel Sweet.....	8 00
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	\$488 00

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

Frank Taft, for repairing roads.....	\$1,800 00
Old snow bill.....	31 45
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	\$1,831 45

STATE ROAD APPROPRIATION.

Paid Frank Taft for work and gravel.....	\$701 82
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SWAN BRIDGE.

Paid Frank Taft for work and lumber for bridge.....	\$92 55
Z. C. Field, timber for bridge	45 37
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	\$137 92

REPORT OF COMMITTEE SELLING SCHOOL HOUSE.

To cash received of Albert E. Southwick for school house and lot.....		\$87 50
By cash paid:—		
Julius A. George, writing of deed	\$ 50	
Erwin A. Snow, services.....	2 00	
Cook & Sons, auction bills.....	2 00	
S. Warren Cook, auctioneer.....	5 00	
Henry W. Gaskill, surveying lot.....	2 00	
Check	76 00	
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	\$87 50	\$87 50

HENRY W. GASKILL, for Committee.

RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals	\$1,033 28
Town officers	485 40
Roads and bridges.....	1,800 00
State roads.....	701 82
Snow bills	31 45
Swan's bridge	137 92
Printing.....	66 30
Taft Public Library.....	165 00
Town Hall.....	146 96
Schools	2975 00
Poor	965 00
Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, M. W. Cummings.....	8 00
“ 374, “ “ 1899.....	488 00
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	\$9,004 13

The selectmen report that the available assets of the town are as follows:—

Due from Uxbridge, chapter 447, Acts 1890.....	\$ 8 00
“ M., A. & W., Street Railway Co.....	146 84
“ collector of taxes, 1899.....	18 84
“ “ “ 1900.....	273 50
“ “ “ 1901.....	895 69
“ state aid to soldiers, Chapter 374, Acts 1899 to Jan. 1, 1902.....	480 00
Due from state aid to soldiers to March 1, 1902.....	84 00
“ state treasurer, balance corporation tax.....	37 86
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	484 11
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Total, \$2,428 84	

The liabilities of the town, so far as known, are as follows ;

Outstanding bills estimated.....	\$200 00
Due town officers, estimated.....	215 00
“ Austin A. Taft, 2 notes, schoolhouse loan	1,000 00
“ Milford Savings Bank, 1 note.....	1,000 00
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	\$2,415 00
Net balance in favor of town.....	13 84
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	\$2,428 84

LIST OF JURORS.

John L. Davenport,	Edward L. Smith,
George R. Ford,	Erwin A. Snow,
Charles H. Allen,	Daniel H. Barnes,
Moses U. Gaskill,	John M. Towne,
Henry M. Goldthwaite,	Edward A. Whiting,
Clarence A. Taft,	Thomas F. Kelley,
Samuel W. Wood,	Luther W. Holbrook.

Respectfully submitted,
LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GEO. M. TAFT,
EDWARD C. KINSLEY,
Selectmen of Mendon.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Highway Surveyor submits the following report for the year ending March 3, 1902.

He debits himself with cash on 24 orders..... \$2,116 03

He credits himself by paying the following bills:—

Charles B. Williams, for labor with teams.....	\$374 40
L. E. Wheeler, " " " "	121 00
W. T. Claffin, " " " "	16 00
John M. Towne, " " on repairs.....	216 74
Dennis Kelley, " " " "	210 87
Thomas H. Peirce, " " " "	41 65
Clarence Moores, " " " "	117 78
Henry Moores, " " " "	29 50
Harry Cooke " " " "	34 12
Harry Taft, " " " "	10 05
Jarvis Thayer, " " " "	80 75
Jesse Esty, " " " "	15 25
Arthur Esty, " " " "	1 75
Alderman C. Cook, " " " "	3 30
Milo Gaskill, " " " "	13 30
Waterman Taft, " " " "	4 10
Joseph Scrivens, " " " "	2 25
E. L. Cooke, " " " "	3 15
Charles Gould, " " " "	50
Carlton Scott, " " " "	7 00
Lewis L. Wood, " " " "	2 00
Timothy Curley, " " " "	9 75
Walter Gaskill, " " " "	1 00
John C. Wood, " " " "	2 25
Andre Southwick, " " " "	2 00
Frank Taft, as highway surveyor.....	364 92
N. H. Scott, for gravel.....	2 00
F. Melvin Burr, " "	1 28
Irvin Barrows, " "	6 24
A. W. Gaskill, " "	5 32
Adrian Scott, " "	14 48
Elizabeth O. Wood, " "	6 08
A. D. Davenport, " "	1 52

Frank Bemis,	for gravel.....	\$ 6 64
Frank H. Wood,	“ “	5 04
Muriel A. Wheelock,	“ “	3 20
Lewis B. Gaskill,	“ “	13 12
Mrs. H. F. Pond,	“ “	23 84
George M. Taft,	“ “	1 76
Mary M. Dudley,	“ “	10 64
P. P. Cook,	“ bridge planks	7 25
Francis F. Taft,	“ “ timber,	5 25
O. B. Young,	“ “ “	1 50
J. E. Camp,	“ repairing bridge	10 28
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway,	repairing bridge	20 00
Curley & Ahern,	for repairing bridge.....	50 37
H. H. Lent,	for guide boards	2 50
R. Folger,	for printing and painting.....	3 75
George M. Taft,	for blasting on Uxbridge road.....	37 50
George M. Taft,	for part payment for wall at Men-	
don pond.....		25 00
Clark Ellis & Sons,	supplies.....	28 90
D. H. Barnes,	“	40
J. Allen Rice,	“	60
M. J. Reynolds	“	20
Williams & Williams,	advice.....	1 00
Jesse A. Taft,	“	2 00
E. C. Barry,	repairs.....	8 15
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		\$1,991 19
Cash on hand		84
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		\$2,002 03

SNOW BILLS.

March 14, 1901.

Frank Taft,	labor on snow	\$12 50
John M. Towne	“ “ “	4 80
I. O. Rhodes	“ “ “	4 80
Edward Cook	“ “ “	1 60
Luther Holbrook	“ “ “	50
Dennis Kelley	“ “ “	3 80
Liberty Freeman,	cash paid out.....	2 00
Darius Henry,	labor on snow.....	2 00
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		\$32 00
Cash left over.....		55
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		\$31 45

SWAN'S BRIDGE.

Rupert T. Bates, for bridge plank.....	\$44 70
E. C. Barry, " " irons	4 35
C. A. Fletcher, for poles and posts.....	5 00
Frank Taft, for labor.....	10 00
Chas. Allen " "	12 50
John M. Towne, for labor	7 00
Dennis Kelley " "	7 00
C. B. Williams " "	2 00
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	\$92 55

Team work..... \$540 40

Appropriation for general repairs..... \$1,800 00

Amount expended for general repairs \$1,800 00

" " " clearing road of snow.....	31 45
Received from the selectmen, for labor on the Mil- ford, Woonsocket & Attleboro St. Ry. Co.'s road.....	146 84
Received from the Selectmen, as half payment for bridge by A. C. Cook's barn.....	45 19
Amount expended on Swan's bridge.....	92 55
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	\$2,116 03

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK TAFT,

Highway Surveyor.

Feb. 15, 1902.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 18, 1901.....	\$23 49	
Interest received.....	8 47	
	<hr/>	\$31 96

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By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$31 96
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GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1898.

DR

Balance uncollected Feb. 18, 1901.....	\$157 86	
Interest received.....	13 14	
	<hr/>	\$171 00

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$128 96	
Abatements	23 20	
Balance uncollected.....	18 84	
	<hr/>	\$171 00

GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1899.

DR.

Balance uncollected Feb. 15, 1901.....	\$766 37	
Interest received.....	24 74	
	<hr/>	\$791 11

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CR.

By cash paid Treasurer	\$478 95	
Abatements	38 86	
Balance uncollected, Feb. 15, 1902.....	273 50	
	<u> </u>	\$791 11

GEO. M. TAFT,

Collector of Taxes, 1900.

DR.

To taxes, committed for collection.....	\$7,821 54	
Extra assessment.....	42 93	
Interest received.....	34 22	
	<u> </u>	\$7,898 69

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$6,978 44	
Abatements	24 56	
Balance uncollected, Feb. 15, 1902.....	895 69	
	<u> </u>	\$7,898 69

GEO. M. TAFT,

Collector of Taxes, 1901.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1902.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 3, 1902 :

John W. Barry, Dennis Holland, Edna Allen, Edna French, Annie J. Bates, Abram P. Scribner, John B. Mellen, (having a settlement in Mendon,) Alice W. Staples, (belonging to Hopedale,) Geo. Farrar and family, (to Northbridge,) William James Phillips, (a state charge,) have been wholly or partially supported.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds, belonging to the town :

Balance on hand	\$ 33 42
Ten town orders	965 00
Town of Hopedale, support of Alice W. Staples.....	34 28
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	\$1,032 70

The Overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

For support of :—

John W. Barry.....	\$169 46
Dennis Holland.....	169 46
Edna Allen	150 00
Edna French.....	21 00
Annie J. Bates.....	2 50
Abram P. Scribner.....	208 00
John B. Mellen	58 00
Alice W. Staples.....	88 24
Geo. Farrar	5 00
William J. Phillips.....	4 00
Erwin A. Snow, care of 372 tramps.....	55 80
“ “ “ Sundries.....	90
“ “ “ wood for tramp house.....	8 00
“ “ “ extra expense 1 tramp	1 00
“ “ “ stove and furniture.....	1 30
A. V. G. Pond, wood for lockup.....	1 50
C. A. Fletcher, “ “ “	4 00
P. P. Cook “ “ “	4 75

G. P. Walcott, 3 comforters.....	\$ 3 00
Geo. R. Ford, services.....	6 00
Liberty Freeman.....	37 50
Cash on hand to balance.....	33 29
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	\$1,032 70

From the whole amount paid for the support of the poor.....	\$999 41
Deduct what was due for the support of the poor to March 4, 1901.....	126 30
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	\$873 11
What has been paid out for Alice W. Staples.....	\$88 24
What has been paid out for George Farrar.....	5 00
What has been paid out for William J. Phillips.....	4 00
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	97 24
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	\$775 87
Add what will be due for support of the poor, to March 3, 1902.....	134 00
Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending March 3, 1902.....	<hr/>
	\$909 87

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GEORGE R. FORD,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 17, 1902.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

DOGS REGISTERED IN 1901.

86 male dogs	\$172 00	
10 female dogs	50 00	
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Registration fees	\$19 20	
Paid County Treasurer	201 00	
Cash on hand	1 80	
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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1901.

DATE OF BIRTH. 1901.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS.
Feb. 2,	William Henry Leach,	William H. and Nellie Leach.
Feb. 8,	Marion Bouchard,	Ozias and Emma Bouchard.
Feb. 22,	Martha Caroline Lowell,	Freeman C. and J. Grace Lowell.
Feb. 23,	Helen Amanda Taft,	George M. and Emma A. Taft.
Mar. 14,	Hazel Josephine Stenson,	Joseph H. and Nellie T. Stenson.
Mar. 29,	Charles Cole Towne,	John M. and Kate M. Towne,
Apr. 4,	Esther Eldredge,	Alfred C. and Leaphie Eldredge.
Apr. 14,	Ernest Robert Goss,	Charles B. and Corinne F. Goss.
May 21,	Albert E. Southwick,	Albert E. and Harriet F. South- [wick.
May 22,	Stella May Henry,	Darius D. and Susan Henry.
May 31,	Odina May Vallette,	John and Odina Vallette.
July 23,	Chester Albert Gaskill,	Milo A. and Ethel M. Gaskill.
July 23,	Carleton Proctor Gaskill,	Milo A. and Ethel M. Gaskill.
July 31,	Margaret Hoagland,	Napoleon S. and Julia Hoagland.
Aug. 5,	Isabelle Louise Harrington,	Mich. T. and Mary J. Harrington.
Aug. 30,	Horace Merrick Thayer,	George E. and Minnie F. Thayer.
Sept. 1,	Grace William Barrows,	Frank E. and Ellen E. Barrows.
Sept. 8,	Clayton Ellis Parkinson,	Geo. A. and Beatrice A. Parkin- [son.
Oct. 12,	Muriel Ernestine Tucker,	Ernest L. and Alice Tucker.
Nov. 27,	Ralph Rittmann Cook,	Lyman and Wilhelmine Cook.
Nov. 27,	Beatrice Fleming.	Charles P. and Julia E. Fleming.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1901.

DATE OF MARRIAGE. 1901.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
January 1,	James E. Sprague, Mary E. Southwick.	Lincoln, R. I. Mendon.
January 24,	Joseph Brown, Annie Dunford,	Mendon. Providence, R. I.
May 29,	Harrison Warren Gay, Miranda Emma Hill.	Hopedale, Mass. Mendon.
August 24,	John Lucas, Grace Elmy Horton,	Uxbridge, Mass. Uxbridge, Mass.
November 4,	John Hoggarth, Sarah Frances Towne,	Mendon. Worcester, Mass.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1901.

DATE OF DEATH. 1901.	NAME.	AGE.		
		Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 19.	Semantha Lucy Coleman,	67	9	19
Mar. 1.	Mary A. Quigley,	60	—	—
Mar. 7.	Sarah Angeline French,	30	10	15
Mar. 9.	Edward Dudley,	71	2	22
Apr. 10.	Carrie Beal,	18	11	7
Apr. 10.	Albert W. Ham,	82	3	16
Apr. 11.	Samuel F. Gardner,	71	1	16
Apr. 29.	William Henry Leach,	—	2	28
May 10.	Melissa Blanchard George,	34	8	13
June 22.	Aldrich Barton Cook,	81	9	—
June 27.	William R. Warner,	75	2	27
Aug. 10.	Jennie Rooney,	30	—	—
Sept. 13.	Mary T. Rawson,	60	7	10
Sept. 26.	Robert J. Ferris,	63	—	—
Sept. 29.	Richard William Odium,	23	3	25
Oct. 30.	Paul Aldrich Wheeler,	80	3	20
Nov. 7.	David Fisher Holbrook,	60	10	5
Dec. 20.	Abigail Bennett,	84	11	16

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1902.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees submit the following report :

The board reorganized April 20, 1901. Miss Annie E. Kinsley has served the town satisfactorily as librarian the past year and has been engaged for another year. Her report is submitted herewith. The books were examined February 3, current, and found accounted for and in satisfactory condition. Seven books have been destroyed, or condemned, from fear of infection. The library was reopened February 8, 1902.

During 1901 three copies of the Annals of Mendon were sold.

The Legislature of 1900 authorized the Mass. Free Public Library Commission to supply free public libraries, in towns whose valuation did not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, with books, to the value of one hundred dollars. The Trustees of this library made application for such gift and the commission granted it, sending us in October, 1901, 45 volumes, value \$41.09, and placing to our credit \$58.91, to be delivered at some future time. The Trustees would call attention to the books already received from this source. They are largely historical and biographical and are especially valuable to the scholars in our public schools.

The Messages and Papers of Presidents, given by Mr. Hayward, are costly works, that will be appreciated by students of political history. The works on Art and kindred studies, given by Mrs. George, are a welcome addition to that department.

The thanks of the citizens are tendered to all who have contributed books or magazines of any kind, to the library during the past year.

The trustees recommend an appropriation of one hundred and seventy-five dollars for the use of the library the ensuing year.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,
HORACE C. ADAMS,
LIBERTY FREEMAN,
FRANK H. WOOD,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

Trustees of Taft Public Library.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1902.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The Library was reopened Feb. 9, 1901, for the delivery of books.

The total number of books given out by the Library during the year was 4,600. The largest delivery any Saturday was 116; the smallest number 61. Average 90.

The delivery by divisions was as follows: Agriculture 1; biography 67; documents 3; fiction 3,877; history 75; poetry 51; miscellaneous 61; periodicals 326; religion 13; science 73; travels 53.

The total number of books in the Library is 4,339, 186 having been added the past year. Of these 186 volumes, 94 have been purchased by the town and 92 contributed.

One was given by E. E. Sherman; one by Massachusetts society for promoting Agriculture; 7 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth; 3 by Mrs. H. W. Brown; 8 unbound volumes by J. A. George, which have since been bound; 1 by the Interstate Commission; 2 by United States Museum; 1 by Rev. Carlton A. Staples; 41 by Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission; 10 by Mr. Harry Hayward of Uxbridge; a collection of 17 on Art, Drawing and Painting by Mrs. Melissa U. George.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE E. KINSLEY, Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library for the year ending Feb. 1, 1902.

DR.

Balance from 1901,.....	\$5 45
Cash received on three town orders,.....	165 00
“ “ Annie E. Kinsley, fines and cards,.....	1 30
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	\$171 75

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Cash paid the W. B. Clarke Co. for books,.....	\$86 88
“ “ M. O. Withey, “ “	2 75
“ “ J. A. George, “ “	3 24
“ “ A. H. H. Warren & Co. for binding,.....	7 74
“ “ G. M. Billings, for paper and printing,...	10 00
“ “ M. U. Gaskill, for wood,.....	4 00
“ “ J. A. George, for cash paid,.....	1 50
“ “ Annie E. Kinsley, for services as librarian,	50 00
Cash on hand,.....	5 64
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	\$171 75

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treas.

Mendon, Feb. 15, 1902.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of all the Town officers and committees, who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the town for the Municipal year ending March 3, 1902, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

NATHAN R. GEORGE.

Mendon, February 17, 1902.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1901-'02.

MILFORD, MASS.:

COOK & SONS, PRINTERS, JOURNAL OFFICE.

1902.

ORGANIZATION OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1901-1902.

FRANK H. WOOD, Chairman,	Term expires 1903
NAPOLEON S. HOAGLAND, Secretary, “ “	1904
LEONARD E. TAFT,	“ “ 1902

SUPERINTENDENT,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

TRUANT OFFICERS,
EDWARD C. KINSLEY, LYMAN COOK,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:—

The report of your School Committee for the current year is herewith presented.

The financial statement shows the receipts for the year and the expenses paid. The schools in the center having been closed three weeks in the winter term on account of sickness has called for less expenditure, for the time being, but it will require an additional outlay for the coming year in order to make up the time lost. However, the amount received from the state school-fund has been increased over \$200 more than that of the year before. Accordingly the appropriation for the coming year may be reduced. Twenty-seven hundred dollars it is thought will be sufficient and the board recommends that amount.

Each year confirms the conviction of all patrons of the Center schools that the paramount need of the town is a new school-house. Aside from considerations of better educational facilities and more healthful conditions for the pupils, a new school building would speak as nothing else does for the character and credit of the town. While it would increase taxes slightly, an attractive and serviceable school building would add to the town's resources. With the electric cars bringing thousands of people through the center and across our borders, attracted by the beautiful scenery and the healthful location, there will be a growing desire on the part of many, to become temporary or permanent residents here. But the better class of people, especially if they have children, will hesitate to locate where the school facilities are inferior and a menace to the health of the pupils. Hence it would seem that from considerations of public welfare and private interest a new school building is demanded. It is no longer a question as to whether the town can afford it. The real question now is how long can the town afford to be without it?

Your attention is called to the Superintendent's report for an outline of school methods and aims, together with suggestions worthy of consideration.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$2,975 00	
Balance on hand.....	4 07	
From state school fund.....	738 08	
From state on Supt.'s account.....	416 67	
For desks, clock and stove sold.....	12 00	
Tuition	35 00	
Dog tax.....	185 52	
	<hr/>	\$4,366 34

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,034 50	
Superintendent	623 37	
Janitors, and care of rooms.....	97 55	
Fuel	135 25	
Transportation	324 00	
Text-books	195 25	
Supplies	69 16	
Incidentals	283 87	
Estimate of expenses to Mar. 1.....	237 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,999 95
Balance on hand, Mar. 1, 1902,		\$366 39

Teachers:—

Adelaide E. Flagg, Primary.....	\$ 10 50	
Mabel Sherman, Primary.....	120 00	
Mary E. Dudley, Primary.....	178 50	
Mary E. Peffers, Grammar.....	360 00	
William G. Park, High	223 50	
Ruth B. Cornwell, North.....	126 00	
Edward F. Blood, High.....	264 00	
Alma S. Seavey, Albeeville.....	275 00	
Lillian Porter, East.....	297 00	
Edith Rockwell, North	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,034 50

Superintendent—11 payments..... 623 37

Paid in 10 payments, or school year \$566 70
 Received from state for school year 416 67

Net cost of Supt. for year..... \$150 03

Fuel:—

Edward H. Taft, 1 cord wood..... 4 00
 Herbert Wright, sawing and splitting 2 00

Frank H. Wood, fitting and housing	\$1 75	
W. N. Thompson, 1 cord oak wood	5 00	
P. S. Coffin, 1 cord wood	5 00	
Frank H. Wood, 2 cords wood	9 00	
Nathan Daniels, fitting and housing same	3 50	
E. H. Taft, 1-2 cord hard wood	2 50	
Lewis Bates, 1 1-4 cords wood	6 00	
Philip S. Coffin, 1 1-4 cords wood	7 50	
Harold Curtis, 4 1-2 tons coal	33 00	
Harold Curtis, 6 tons coal	56 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 25
Transportation :—		
A. I. Barrows	174 00	
Geo. M. Taft	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$324 00
Care of Rooms :—		
Janitors—Fred A. Snow, Center	30 00	
Ruth B. Cornwell, North	7 00	
Edith Rockwell, North	10 00	
Alma S. Seavey, Albeeville	16 00	
Lillian M. Porter, East	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$79 50
Cleaning Rooms :—		
Lutheria M. Alger, Center	6 30	
Lutheria M. Alger, Albeeville	5 00	
Elizabeth Head, North	5 00	
Mrs. Sylvester Cook, East	1 25	
Willard A. Alger, chimney cleaning, Albeeville	50	
	<hr/>	\$18 05
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		\$97 55
Text Books :—		
Edward E. Babb & Co	\$4 00	
D. C. Heath & Co	39 09	
Ginn & Co	11 29	
Educational Publishing Co	5 25	
American Book Co	63 32	
Thompson, Brown & Co	4 17	
Allyn & Bacon	18 13	
Leavenworth & Green, Historical charts	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$195 25
Supplies :—		
J. L. Hammett Co	\$5 04	
Howard Chemical Co	1 75	

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co	\$7 31	
The Holden Book-cover Co.....	8 00	
E. E. Sherman—Perry Picture Co ...	2 75	
George S. Perry & Co.....	44 31	
	<hr/>	\$69 16
Incidentals :—		
East Mendon school house,		
George S. Perry & Co., furniture.....	\$96 81	
Otis Whitney & Son, labor.....	7 90	
Z. C. Field, lumber.....	12 76	
E. A. Snow, fence	9 75	
Norris & Staples, paint, etc.....	5 18	
W. H. Bennett, painting.....	3 48	
Avery & Woodbury, curtains.....	17 15	
George S. Perry & Co., flag staff.....	4 00	
R. C. Eldridge, clock.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$163 03
N. S. Hoagland :—		
School census.....	\$7 00	
Secretary school committee.....	10 00	
Postage.....	1 30	
Paid for sundries.....	87	
Paid for painting fence	3 65	
	<hr/>	\$22 82
L. E. Taft, cleaning and repairs.....		3 85
F. H. Wood,		
Paid for repairs	\$1 93	
Services as school committee.....	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$3 18
E. A. Snow, cleaning vaults, etc.....		3 50
Heywood Bros., chairs, high school ..		15 00
E. H. Taft, lumber and labor.....		1 75
E. E. Sherman,		
Paid for express, freight, traveling ...	\$15 67	
Paid for stationery.....	3 54	
	<hr/>	\$19 21
G. M. Billings, printing.....		1 80
H. S. Farnum, stove pipe.....		2 88
Florence Driscoll, labor.....		13 25
Clark Ellis & Sons, hardware.....		9 10
E. L. Smith, use of well.....		7 00
George E. Thayer, use of well.....		2 00
J. W. Estey, use of well.....		3 00

Graduation expenses :—

The Beale Press, diplomas.....	\$6 00	
G. M. Billings, 300 programs	3 50	
Joseph Dudley, janitor work.....	1 00	
Julius A. George, carpenter work.....	1 00	
E. E. Sherman, diploma ribbons.....	1 00	12 50
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		\$283 87

Respectfully submitted,
 FRANK H. WOOD,
 LEONARD E. TAFT,
 NAPOLEON S. HOAGLAND,
 School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:—

Gentlemen:—The eighth annual report of the present Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

This report covers the school year—September, 1900 to June, 1901.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The table on page 14 gives in detail the facts, which for convenience are here expressed in round numbers:

Average membership.....	147
Average attendance.....	136
Per cent. of attendance.....	93
Compared with previous year:	

Average membership, increase.....	13
Average attendance, increase.....	14
Per cent. of attendance, increase.....	2

The increase in the per cent. of attendance is gratifying. It shows that the interest in the schools is not flagging. The number of excuses has decreased slightly while the tardy marks have increased, especially in the primary school, which was larger than formerly, and suffered from changes in teachers during the year. I hope that the present year will show a decided decrease in the number of tardy marks and dismissals, and a gain in the per cent. of attendance as well. When the attendance is *regular* and *punctual* good business habits are being formed and the scholars are present to receive the benefit of the school appropriation.

The East school leads in highest per cent. of attendance and in least number of tardy and dismissal marks, followed by the Grammar and the North, in the order named.

The only change of teachers during the year was at the Primary School, a change unavoidable through the illness of the

regular teacher, Miss Mary E. Dudley, whose efficient service was greatly missed.

The teachers worked faithfully, evincing great interest not only in their schools as a whole but in the progress of the individual child as well. To understand and to sympathize with the point of view of each child is a most valuable quality in a teacher; it springs from her personality and finds its best expression as she becomes acquainted in the community and when few daily recitations and classes of moderate size give her the opportunity to devote herself to this important side of her professional work. The personal influence of the teacher in the moral, mental and physical development of the individual child is the most valuable and enduring element in education. It is obvious that we should not only select teachers of good character, high culture and broad sympathies, but that we should endeavor to retain them a sufficient length of time to reap the benefits which accrue from their close acquaintance with the pupil and his environment.

Our list of teachers for September, 1901, bears six names. Five out of the six have devoted two or more years beyond the high school to preparation for their work, one being college and four normal trained.

In the regular work English, mathematics and history received emphasis. Something was done in drawing, a subject that aims to develop the executive power of the pupil, whereas the usual branches train the reflective side of his mind. Thinking without doing is not as well as thinking and doing. Some learned people amount to very little in the world because they have little ability to do anything. Thinking and doing, the first is essential and the second no less so, if success in life be the goal sought. Drawing properly taught requires the scholar to think and then to execute,

A recitation of a lesson that simply calls for a statement of certain facts learned from a book tests the memory and is good as far as it goes. The teacher, however, should question the pupil to lead him to form judgments and to draw conclusions, to reason. The teacher should question that the student may be led to observe and to properly express what he has observed—to think and to talk upon his feet. All this takes time, more time than a recitation of fifteen minutes or so, will allow.

The following is a copy of a recent program from the Grammar school, giving the arrangement of studies and the daily time devoted to each by the four classes in that room.

PROGRAM, GRAMMAR SCHOOL, JANUARY, 1902.

Recitation begins.	Length in minutes.	Entire School.	Grade VIII.	Grade VII.	Grade VI.	Grade V.
8.45	10	Devotions.				
8.55	10	Current Events.				Arithmetic.
9.05	20					
9.25	20	Gymnastics.	Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.		
9.45	05					
9.50	20					
10.10	20	Recess.				
10.30	10					
10.40	20					English.
11.00	20		English.	English.		
11.20	20					
11.40	20					
12.00	60	Noon Recess.				Geography.
1.00	15					
1.15	15					
1.30	20		Hist. or Geog.	Hist. or Geog.		
1.50	20					
2.10	15	Spelling.				
2.25	10	Recess.	Reading.	Reading.		
2.35	20					
2.55	15					
3.10	20				Reading.	
3.30	Close					

NOTE—One arithmetic class omitted each day for penmanship or drawing. Physiology takes the place of reading Friday. History three lessons, geography two, each week.

The following is a program for a grammar school of two grades. A comparison of the two schedules will show clearly the advantage of the two-class arrangement, in that it gives longer time for the recitation, or oral work of the pupils with the teacher. The teacher can stand before her class better prepared upon ten lessons than upon twenty.

PROGRAM FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL OF TWO CLASSES.

Recitation begins.	Length in minutes.	Entire School.	Grade VIII.	Grade IX.
8.45	10	Devotions.	English.	English.
8.55	10	General Ex.		
9.05	25		
9.30	25		
9.55	05	Gymnastics.		
10.00	15	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Arithmetic.
10.15	15	Music.		
10.30	10	Recess.		
10.40	25		
11.05	25		
11.30	30	Drawing or Reading.	History.	History.
12.00	60	Noon Recess.		
1.00	25		
1.25	25		
1.50	15	Penmanship.		
2.05	20	Geography.	Book-keeping.
2.25	15	Recess.		
2.40	25		
3.05	25		
3.30	Close.		Geography.

NOTE:—Only the recitations are indicated. One class studies while the other is reciting.

Drawing alternates with reading.

Physiology in place of VIII geography, Wednesday.

Declamations in place of IX geography, Wednesday.

THE FORWARD LOOK.

The schools have achieved much in the past, but there is more to be done in the future.

In no department of public education has there been greater change of recent years than in the high school. High schools have increased in relative membership, in curriculum and in equipment. They may well receive the title, "The poor man's college." It is impossible for a high school with limitations like our own to successfully compete with those in larger places nor can we meet the demands of the higher institutions of learning.

A thorough English course covering nine or ten years would fit our boys and girls for the everyday duties of the home, business and good citizenship. For those whose ability and ambition urge them to the effort, opportunity should be provided for higher education.

How can Mendon best meet these responsibilities?

I should suggest the following plan:

1. The first eight years about as now carried through.
2. A room containing ninth year work, somewhat as outlined below.
3. For those qualified pupils who so desire a high school course in some good school outside the town, with tuition paid. (It is probable that the state will soon aid, by paying such tuition.)

OUTLINE OF NINTH YEAR WORK.

	(Fraction of working time.)
ENGLISH—Including reading, spelling, literature, composition, grammar, history of the language,	.20
MATHEMATICS—Arithmetic, (including elements of applied geometry), elements of book-keeping, (penmanship),	.20
HISTORY—(Elements of civil government,)	.20
*SCIENCE—Physical geography (elements of physics,) commercial geography,	.16
DRAWING—Freehand, instrumental, design,	.12
MUSIC—Vocal,	.08
GYMNASTICS,	.04

*In place of the science, Latin might be taken by those fitting for a classical course in high school and college.

The above plan has the advantage of giving every child up-to-date opportunities for education, with no greater expense to the town than the present system entails.

If Mendon should adopt the above plan, and in addition, erect a four-room school-house at the center, she could place her schools two (or at most three) classes in a room with proper light, heat and ventilation, and without crowding, where good, thorough work might be done through all the grades. The town hall relieved of the presence of school children, would be available for other purposes. The public library needs more room. This it would find on the lower floor of the town hall, together with a much desired reading-room. The present library building could be used to good advantage by the Mendon Historical society.

These suggestions are offered with what seems to the writer the best interests of the town in view, coupled with an earnest desire to further the advancement of the schools.

In closing it gives me pleasure to express my thanks for the cordial support and courteous attitude of all those, directly or indirectly, connected with the public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. SHERMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPT. 1900 TO JUNE, 1901.

SCHOOLS.	Average Member-Ship.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Total Enrollment.	Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dismissed.	Truant.	Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by others.
High Grammar Primary North East Albeeville	20.15 30.16 44.57 16.51 20.28 14.77	18.62 28.56 40.38 15.65 19.36 13.25	92.47 94.69 90.60 94.80 95.46 89.71	23 33 47 19 22 22	306½ 288. 750½ 153½ 164½ 273½	96 102 102 28 21 46	17 72 29 17 5 39	0 0 1 0 0 0	0 9 4 2 3 0	21 33 23 23 22 17	13 89 21 28 53 53
Summary	146.44	135.82	92.74	166	1936.5	361	179	1	18	139	257

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number under five years of age,	0	1	1
Number between five and fifteen,	62	59	121
Number over fifteen,	7	13	20
Number between seven and fourteen,	54	46	100

School Census Statistics, Sept. 1901.

Number children in town between five and fifteen,	89	74	163
Number children in town between seven and fourteen,	60	49	109

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1901.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE FITTED.
High, Grammar, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8,	Edward F. Blood,	Dartmouth College.
Primary, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,	Mary A. Peffers,	Bridgewater Normal.
North, Grades 2, 4, 6, 7,	Mary E. Dudley,	Mendon High.
East, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8,	Edith F. Rockwell,	Salem Normal.
Albeeville, Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7,	Lillian F. Porter,	Newburyp't Training School.
	Alma A. Seavey,	Framingham Normal.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1901-1902.

	FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools,	Sept. 9, 1901.	Dec. 20, 1901.	Dec. 30, 1901.	Mar. 21, 1902.	April 7, 1902.	June 13, 1902.
High School, 40 weeks,	Sept. 3, 1901.	Dec. 20, 1901.	Dec. 30, 1901.	Mar. 28, 1902.	April 7, 1902.	June 20, 1902.

HOLIDAYS:—Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Memorial Day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1902-1903.

	FALL TERM. 14 Weeks.		WINTER TERM. 12 Weeks.		SPRING TERM. 10 Weeks.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools,	Sept. 8, 1902.	Dec. 12, 1902.	Dec. 29, 1902.	Mar. 20, 1903.	April 6, 1903.	June 12, 1903.
High School, 40 weeks,	Sept. 2, 1902.	Dec. 19, 1902.	Dec. 29, 1902.	Mar. 27, 1903.	April 6, 1903.	June 19, 1903.

HOLIDAYS:—Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following.

BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM EDUCATIONAL LAWS.

1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public school during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 shall be employed "in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning nor after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school, but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

9. "Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls."

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE MENDON HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Algebra.
English History.
English or Latin Grammar.

SECOND YEAR.

Geometry.
French.
Book-keeping and Arithmetic, or Cæsar.

THIRD YEAR.

Physics.
French.
Physical Geography (first half),
United States History (second half), } or Cicero.

FOURTH YEAR.

General History.
Rhetoric (first quarter).
English Literature (three quarters).
Civil Polity (first half),
Commercial Law (second half), } or Vergil, etc.

Three recitation periods a week throughout the course is devoted by each pupil to English composition, and one to rhetorical.

A general exercise each day is devoted to reviews of grammar school subjects, including spelling and mental arithmetic, or to lessons in temperance, music or drawing.

The work of the year is divided into quarters of ten weeks each.

Alternates: Third and fourth year Latin, and its third and fourth year equivalents in the English course.

MENDON

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 19, 1901.

PROGRAM.

March.....	Mr. Frank Lowell
Prayer.....	Rev. N. S. Hoagland
Cornet Solo.....	Mr. Peter Gaskill
Essay, "American Characteristics of Our Age,"	Lillian Freeman
Essay, "Signal Lights,"	Earle B. Lowell
Violin Solo	Mr. Elmer E. Thomas
Essay, "Influence".....	Mary A. Williams
Essay, "Our Colonial Possessions".....	Frederick A. Snow
Essay, "Marvels of the Deep".....	Anna H. Pond
Violin Solo.....	Mr. Thomas
Address	Mr. Henry T. Bailey
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Supt. E. E. Sherman
Recessional	Mr. Lowell

GRADUATES.

LATIN COURSE.

Earle Baker Lowell. Lillian Freeman.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Mary Anna Williams. Frederick Augustus Snow.
 Anna Harriet Pond.

Class Motto—Launched but not anchored.

Class Flower—Pink Rose.

Class Colors—Pink and Nile Green.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified. The record ends June, 1901 :

ELEVEN YEARS—ONE TERM.

Frederick A. Snow—*High*.

SEVEN YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Mabel D. Snow—*Grammar*.

FIVE YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Rose E. Snow—*Grammar*.

THREE YEARS.

Charlotte A. Snow—*Primary*.

ONE YEAR.

F. Merle Brown—*Grammar*.

Philip M. Harrington—*Primary*.

TWO TERMS—WINTER AND SPRING.

Homer C. Darling—*North*.

Mary A. Hogarth—*Albeeville*.

FALL TERM.

John J. Driscoll, Caroline S. Wood—*High*.

Berton G. Brown, Erle Gaskill, Charles Driscoll—*Grammar*.

Emma Bartlett, George M. Barrows, Eva Daley, Agnes M. Harrington, Harold Barrows, Davis E. Hill, Carl M. Taft, Henry J. Wood, Peter E. Bartlett, Chester A. Wheeler—*Primary*.

Florence Aldrich, A. Everett Eldredge, Harold H. Eldredge, Nancy A. Taft, Nina M. Taft—*North*.

Isabel Rowe, Grace Thayer—*East*.

Herbert Alger, Alice Valliquette—*Albeeville*.

WINTER TERM.

John J. Driscoll—*High*.

Carl M. Taft, Chester A. Wheeler, Lewis Holbrook—*Primary*.

A. Everett Eldredge—*North*.

Clara Barrows, Eunice Barrows, Annie Phillips, Chester Rowe—*East*.

Elizabeth Smith—*Albeeville*.

SPRING TERM.

Caroline S. Wood—*High*.

Helen Hoagland, Nina M. Burr, Edward Tancrelle, Herbert S. Wood—*Grammar*.

George Barrows, Sumner Coleman, Harold Barrows, Lois Congdon, William Curliss, Gladys Hoagland, Raymond Kelley—*Primary*.

Abbie M. Darling—*North*.

Frank Phillips, Grace Thayer—*East*.

Lora Valliquette, Wilfred Valliquette—*Albeeville*.

TOWN WARRANT.

Worcester, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on Monday, the third day of March, next, punctually at 9 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see, what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 3d, 1902, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services and appoint a committee to expend the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the proposed Worcester County Soldiers' Monument or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To hear the report of the committee chosen to ascertain the rights of the town on any land adjacent to Cook's Cove, so-called, at Nipmuck Pond, and act in any way relating to the same.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the bridge on Hastings street, over Willow Brook, or act in any way in relation thereto.

The polls may by vote be closed at 1 P. M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, viz:— At the post-office, and on the guideboard near the school-house in Albeeville, and at the post-office in South Milford.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GEORGE M. TAFT,
EDWARD C. KINSLEY.

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, Attest:

CHARLES I. BARNES,
CONSTABLE OF MENDON.

